

# FORM A - AREA

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town/City:** Town of Eastham

**Place:** 360-370 State Highway, South Eastham

**Name of Area:** Stanley M. & Edna M. Walker Cottages

**Present Use:** single family dwellings/condo ownership

**Construction Dates or Period:** ca. 1945

**Overall Condition:** good

**Major Intrusions and Alterations:** none

**Acreage:** approx. 0.5 acre

**Recorded by:** Larson Fisher Assoc., Inc. with Kathryn Grover

**Organization:** Eastham Historical Commission

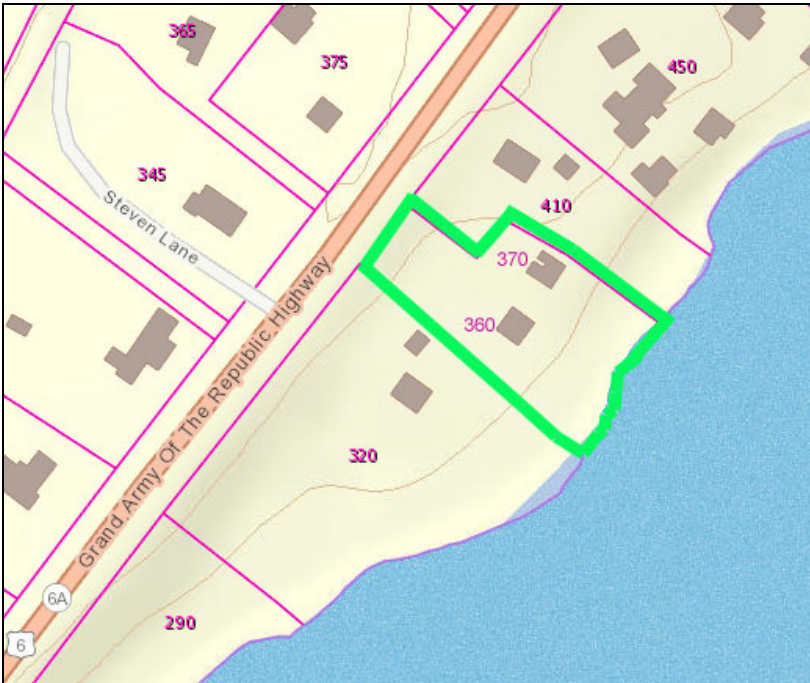
**Date:** May 2013

## Photograph



2 bldgs. in center (aerial photo courtesy Bing Maps)

## Locus Map (north at top)



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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The terrain of the subject property slopes down from the grade of the State Highway and the two cottages it contains are sited midway between the elevation of the road and the shore, with #370 on slightly higher ground than #360. A single unimproved driveway off of State Highway provides access to both dwellings, with a fork at its end to the parking pad of each place. Both cottages on the subject property are of the simple mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Cape Cod type—one-story, wood-frame with gable roof, wood shingle siding, wood corner boards and trim and six-over-one windows. They were originally identical, or nearly so, and both are oriented with front facades facing the water. The cottage at #360 remains the simpler of the two. It still has its original rectangular footprint, a small brick center chimney and a three-bay front facade with center entrance. Windows flanking the entry are paired, with those to the right smaller than those to the left. All the windows appear to have been replaced (no building permits for this work were found). An outside shower enclosure extends off the left (south) side.

The cottage at #370 appears to have had two small cross-gabled rear ells added since it was constructed, though building permits for this work are not available. Both ells are flush with the side walls of the main cottage. This dwelling has also had an exterior brick chimney added to its left (south) side. The six-over-one double-hung windows appear to be original, although the set to the right of the front (east) entrance on the front facade have been replaced with six-light casement windows. A floating 10-by-10-foot wood deck is located in front of the dwelling.

Numerous mature coniferous trees are located around the cottages, and there are several mature deciduous trees as well, along with other smaller decorative plantings.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The cottages numbered 360 and 370 State Highway were built about 1945 by Stanley M. Walker. Walker was the eldest son of the longtime captain of the United States Life-saving Service station at Nauset, Abbott H. Walker (1864-1954), whose family had lived at what is now numbered 315 State Highway since about the late 1830s. Abbott H. Walker was the son of John F. and Mary E. Walker and the grandson of John and Hannah Walker. The 1850 census shows John Walker as a farmer with \$270 in real property in a household after that of Jabez Sparrow (175 State Highway) with his wife and children Sarah, John F., Absalom, and Mary. Son John F. Walker married Mary E. Eldridge of Chatham in 1863, and their son Abbott H. was born the next year. The 1880 census shows John F. Walker and his son Abbott, then fifteen, both working as fisherman and living at what was probably 315 State Highway. In 1887 Abbott H. Walker married Wellfleet domestic Lillie A. Wiley, and their son Stanley Marston Walker was born the same year in Wellfleet.

By 1910 Stanley M. Walker was working as a shell fisherman and living in the household of his father, who had been named captain of the Nauset life-saving station in 1905. Also in the household were his mother, his brothers Lawrence and Howard, and the family of surfman William O. Gross, who lived there with his wife Ada and their four children. In November of 1910 Stanley Walker married Eastham native Edna M. Dill, the nineteen-year-old daughter of George T. and Lillie Moore Gill, and by 1920 the couple was renting a house enumerated just before that of his father's on State Highway. By then Stanley Walker was also employed as a surfman at the life-saving station.

In July 1922 Abbott H. Walker sold his son Stanley a piece of land roughly 167 by 192 feet square on State Highway, bordering his own land on the east side of that road.<sup>1</sup> Stanley and Edna Walker's house at 410 State Highway was built on this parcel. Tax records for 1926 show Abbott H. Walker with a house, barn, poultry house, and outbuilding on an eight-acre homestead lot and his son Stanley with a house (valued at \$2875) and garage on one acre. The 1930 census shows Stanley Walker's household immediately after his father's. He was then working as a chauffeur and owned \$4000 in real property; sharing the household was his wife Edna and daughter Winifred, then four years old. Tax records for 1931 show Stanley Walker with a house valued at \$3000, a garage, and a one-acre homestead lot; his father had a house, cottage, and numerous other buildings on a seven-acre homestead lot, while his younger brother Howard F. Walker had a house and garage on a one-acre lot as well.

By 1940 Stanley Walker was renting "small vacation fishing boats" for a living, and he and his wife Edna had another child, Maynard, born about 1934. Tax records for 1947 show that he had built two cottages, apparently 320 State Highway and this cottage at 360 State Highway, at some point between 1937 and 1947.

<sup>1</sup> Abbott H. Walker to Stanley M. Walker, 15 July 1922, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (BCD) 389:203. In another deed (Celia H. Crosby, Orleans, to Abbott H. Walker, 7 March 1925, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (BCD) 410:335) Walker bought an interest in land in the same area that is part of the chain of title for 320 State Highway but not for 360 and 370 State Highway.

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In October 1955, after Abbott Walker's death, his children Sarah, Olive, and Howard sold their interest in the family property on the east side of State Highway to Stanley Walker. This parcel included the cottage their father had built between 1926 and 1931 and now numbered 370 State Highway. Walker thus owned 320, 360, 370, and 410 State Highway until 1967, when he subdivided 320 from the other three properties and sold the cottage, its garage, and 1.2 acres to current owners Richard J. and Susan Comeau.<sup>2</sup> In July 1972, after Stanley Walker's death, his widow Edna sold 360, 370, and 410 State Highway to Giles and Shirley F. Dilg of Wellesley Hills.<sup>3</sup> Giles Cleaveland Dilg was from Phoenix, Arizona, a U.S. Navy veteran, and a graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in electrical engineering. In 1955 he married Shirley Susanne Feigel, a Syracuse University graduate and a research bacteriologist. In the late 1960s and early 1970s Giles Dilg was a lecturer at Northeastern University. By 1985 Shirley Dilg was working as a water resources manager.

In 1981 Dilg transferred title to 360, 370, and 410 State Highway to his wife Shirley; the couple divorced shortly thereafter. In 1985 Shirley Dilg married Richard E. Stafford, a professor who lived in Wellesley; it was his fourth marriage. In 1987 Shirley Stafford subdivided the Stanley Walker homestead by separating the Walker homestead and its garage at 410 State Highway from the two cottages at 360 and 370 State Highway. In 2006 Stafford sold the lot containing 360 and 370 State Highway to Martin and Susan McDonald and Peter McDonald, who in 2007 converted the cottages (then numbered together as 390 State Highway) into Dockside on Town Cove Condominium. In 2009 the McDonalds sold 370 State Highway to Robert J. and Mollie E. Ostroski of Farmington, Connecticut; they are the current owners of that cottage condominium.<sup>4</sup> The next year the McDonalds sold 360 State Highway to Ernst and Virginia J. Chenoweth of Stowe, Vermont. The Chenoweths placed the property in trust in 2012.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Sarah W. Taylor and Olive K. Gorham, both Orleans, and Howard F. Walker to Stanley M. Walker, 15 October 1955, BCD 923:32; Stanley M. Walker to Richard J. and Susan Comeau, Belmont, 15 August 1967, BCD 1375:11. See also "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. As Surveyed for Stanley M. Walker et ux," August 1967, Barnstable County Registry, Plan Book (BCP) 213:63-2.

<sup>3</sup> Edna M. Walker, executor, will Stanley M. Walker, to Giles and Shirley F. Dilg, Wellesley Hills, 14 July 1972, BCD 1692:41.

<sup>4</sup> Giles Dilg, Wellesley, to Shirley F. Dilg, Wellesley, 15 April 1981, BCD 3273:110; Shirley Stafford, Wellesley, to Martin and Susan McDonald (h/w) and Peter McDonald, 14 July 2006, BCD 21183:99; Martin and Susan McDonald and Peter McDonald, master deed for Dockside on Town Cove Condominium, 19 January 2007, BCD 31712:31; Martin and Susan McDonald and Peter McDonald to Robert J. and Mollie E. Ostroski, Farmington CT, 13 August 2009, BCD 23962:185. See also "Survey & Division of Land in Eastham, Mass. Prepared for Shirley Stafford," 10 April 1987, BCP 432:57, and "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. Prepared for Shirley Stafford," 24 March 1994, BCP 511:41. BCD 5230:290, which is a record of the marriage of Shirley F. Dilg and Richard E. Stafford.

<sup>5</sup> Giles Dilg, Wellesley, to Shirley F. Dilg, Wellesley, 15 April 1981, BCD 3273:110; Shirley Stafford, Wellesley, to Martin and Susan McDonald (h/w) and Peter McDonald, 14 July 2006, BCD 21183:99; Martin and Susan McDonald and Peter McDonald, master deed for Dockside on Town Cove Condominium, 19 January 2007, BCD 31712:31; Martin McDonald, Susan McDonald, and Peter McDonald, North Eastham, to Ernst E. and Virginia J. Chenoweth, Stowe VT, 5 November 2010, BCD 24977:179; Ernst E. Chenoweth, Stowe VT, to Ernst E. and Virginia J. Chenoweth, trustees Virginia J. Chenoweth Living Trust, 14 February 2012, BCD 26148:63; Virginia J. Chenoweth, Stowe VT, to Ernst E. and Virginia J. Chenoweth, trustees Virginia J. Chenoweth Living Trust, 14 February 2012, BCD 26148:67. See also "Survey & Division of Land in Eastham, Mass. Prepared for Shirley Stafford," 10 April 1987, BCP 432:57, and "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. Prepared for Shirley Stafford," 24 March 1994, BCP 511:41. BCD 5230:290, which is a record of the marriage of Shirley F. Dilg and Richard E. Stafford.

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MHC #s	Map	Parcel	Ext	St #	Street Name	Year Built	Style/Form
EAS.622	21	81	D	360	STATE HWY	1945	1-story cottage - Res. Condo
EAS.623	21	81	E	370	STATE HWY	1945	1-story cottage - Res. Condo

MHC #s referenced in site plan &amp; photos, below.

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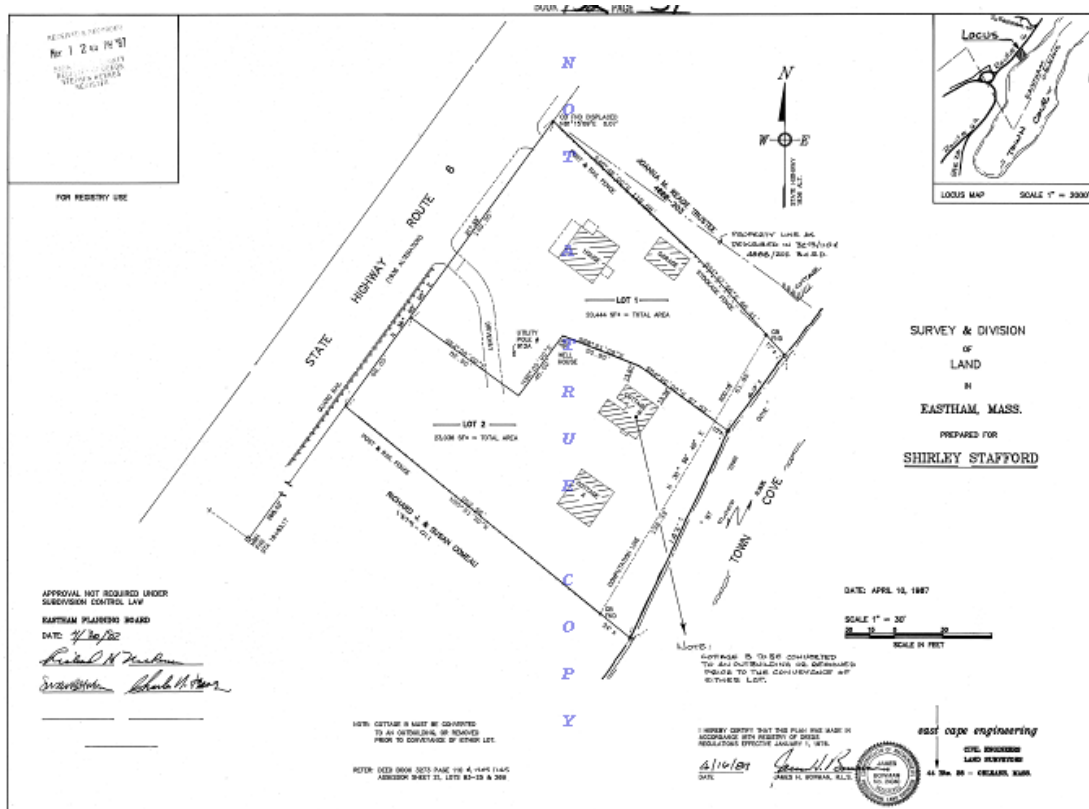
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## SITE PLAN



## SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



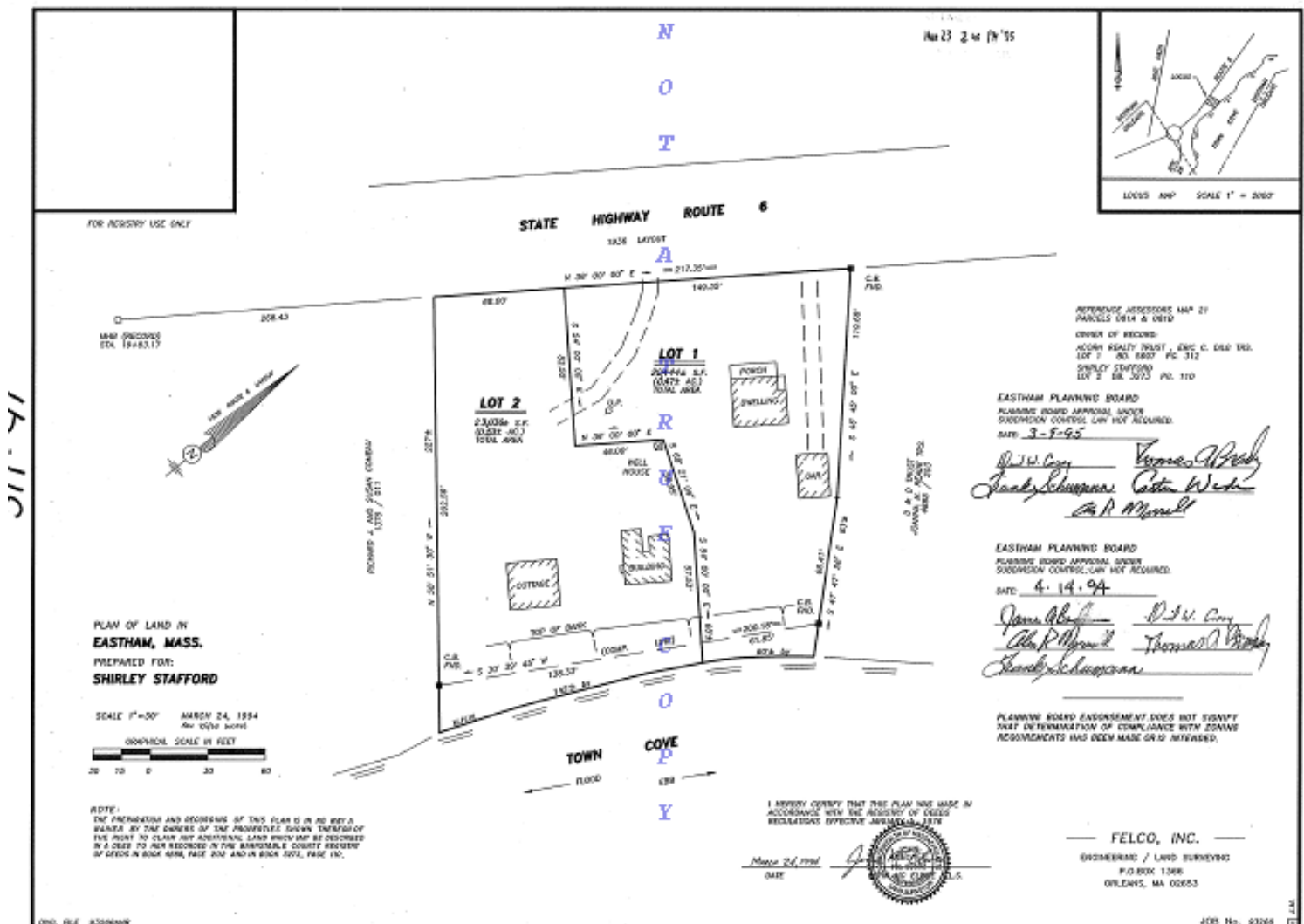
Stafford subdivision of 1987 (BCP 432:57): #360 is shown as Cottage A & #370 as Cottage B on Lot 2.

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**Stafford subdivision of 1994 (BCP 511:41): Lot 2 contains #360, marked "Cottage," & #370 marked "Building."**



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## PHOTOGRAPHS

(credit Larson Fisher Associates, 2012-2013 unless otherwise noted)



MHC # 622: Cottage at 360 State Highway; view from southeast, left and view from west, right.



MHC # 622: Cottage at # 360 views from road (north) on left, from shore (south) on right.



MHC # 623: View of #370 from south (photo courtesy of Town of Eastham Assessor). View of #370 from west.